

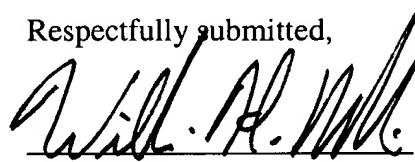
REMARKS

The changes being made are to conform the application to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.78(a). It is noted that the claim to domestic priority, as shown in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on July 19, 2001, was recognized by the USPTO by its inclusion on the Official Filing Receipt in accordance with MPEP 201.11(III)(D), and therefore a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) are not required.

No question of new matter or questions of further search arise.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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